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Jacob Probst, fourth son of Ulrich and Anna Barbara Kiener was born in Habstetten, Switzerland. He was eight years old when the family settled in Midway. Schooling filled the years until he was fourteen.

At age twenty-one, Jacob began working in the timber business for the Park City mines. During the winters he attended B.Y.U. One of his pleasures was singing, which he did with his brother Ulrich, Fred Hasler and John Burgener. This quartet was much in demand over the years.

Two weeks after his marriage to Mary H. Huber, Jacob left to fulfill a two and one-half year mission to Switzerland.

When Karl, their first child, was born in 1895 Jacob decided to build a larger house than the log cabin they were living in. Accordingly, Fred Sonderegger was hired to lay up the rock foundations near the old cabin up Snake Creek Canyon. One day in August of that year a neighbor came riding down the canyon warning them of an approaching flood. Mary, carrying her three month old son fled to higher ground, but Fred went right on working. Soon the flood waters poured down the canyon uprooting trees and leaving huge boulders in its path. The water reached Fred Sonderegger's waist and left mud and water marks four feet deep on the house walls. No one was injured, but Jacob, not wanting to risk any future floods, built his house on the higher ground some distance away.

The new house was abandoned in 1903 when "Jake", as he was informally known, was called to be the bishop of the Midway Second Ward. He was a patient, kind person with a pleasing personality and gave much service during his term of thirty-three years. He had a great influence over the many people with whom he came in contact.

Upon his release from being bishop, Jacob Probst moved to Salt Lake where he continued to serve with his wife as an ordained temple worker.

Of the five children born to this couple, two sons are living today. They are Karl L. of Midway and Vernon of Ogden.

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